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Dec. 13—d&w

F. D. CALDWELL.

Here is that load of Coal you ordered from CALDWELL about fifteen minutes ago.

Hard and Soft

COAL

Promptly Delivered to Any

Part of the City.

Office with American Express Co., P. O. Block.

Dec. 7—d&w

!! A NEW ENTERPRISE !!

Long experience has satisfied us of the necessity in Decatur for an EXCLUSIVELY PAINT AND ARTISTS' STORE, Stock being selected and handled by Practical Workmen.

We are a new enterprise in the city, and we have secured the services of the best artists and painters in the city, and we are now open for business.

HOUSE AND CARRIAGE PAINTERS, Staining, Lead, Oil, Putty, Turpentine, Varnishes of all kinds, Japan Dryers, Lithogen-Wood, Enamels, Brushes of all grades, Stencils and Stenciling, Oil, Putty, Turpentine, Varnishes of all kinds, Japan Dryers, Lithogen-Wood, Enamels, Brushes of all grades, Stencils and Stenciling.

Our Paint Shop is in the rear of the store, where we are prepared to execute in the latest style of the art. We have a large stock of all the latest and best materials, and we are now open for business.

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GEORGE P. BLUME, SEWING MACHINES AND SUPPLIES.

THE NEWEST AND BEST MACHINES.

DOMESTIC WHITE, OTHER MACHINES.

W. H. GRINDOL, Dealer in all kinds of

AMERICAN AND ITALIAN MARBLE

finished up by the very best of skilled work men, in the latest and best style, which will be sold at very low prices. Call and examine his stock, designs and prices before purchasing elsewhere. He will not be undersold.

Ship to the old Masonic Building, northwest corner City Park, Decatur, Ill. Jan. 11—d&w

\$60 a week in your own town. Terms \$5 and \$10 cash in advance. Address H. H. HARRIS & CO., Portland, Maine. Feb. 2—d&w

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

—A Florida youth has discovered that strong, soft, flexible rope can be made from the fiber of the common cocklebur seed.

—The deepest mine in the world, according to Prof. H. Hofer, is the Prizbrunn silver mine in Bohemia. The lowest depth 3,300 feet below the surface.

—A progressive Atlanta (Ga.) man claims to have invented a milk pail that is kept in motion by a spring, and when he gets through milking a cow the milk has been churned into delicious butter.

—Selling Mr. J. J. Fontaine asserts, is a new and profitable business. He has been successful in selling for fifteen months. Selling, indeed, often serves to preserve the vitality of business, as it protects the producer from the destructive influence of hoards.

—A textile manufactory has been established at Brooklyn, and is the only one in the country, all needles hitherto having come from Europe. They are made by machinery, which will be the first attempt of the kind. The manufactory has been entirely by hand and requires many operations: the conversion of the wire into rough needles requires twenty; the tempering and annealing nine; polishing five, which are repeated seven or eight times, and sorting five. The Brooklyn enterprise will, it is to be hoped, prove a success.

—Mr. James B. Smith, of Hackensack, N. J., has invented and patented an improved signal for railroad crossings, tunnels, and dangerous places, which is declared to be cheap, durable, and incapable of disarrangement. A hinged spring is placed near the rails, so that the wheel of the passing train operates upon it, and by means of a lever and wire attachment work a gong bell and signal which are placed at the required distance ahead on the track. The signals remain exposed until the train have passed, and by means of another spring are restored to place.

—A new building material called "fossil coral," has been discovered in a small island in the Bay of Suva, Fiji. When it is first removed it is soft and easily cut into square blocks or any other desired shape, but when it is exposed to the open air for some time it grows very hard and assumes some of the characteristics of the rock. What the actual origin of this substance may have been is uncertain, and will form an interesting problem for geologists. At any rate it has been found so useful for building purposes that the Fijian Government have given a large order for cubes of it.

Bill Nye's Advice to a Correspondent.

She may be giddy, but she's just about sized you up in shape, and no doubt if you keep on trying to love her without her knowledge or consent she will hit you with something and put a Swiss sunset over your eye. Do not try to win her affections all at once. Give her twenty or thirty years in which to see your merits. You will have more to entitle you to her respect by that time, no doubt. During that time you may rise to be President and win a deathless name.

The main thing you have to look out for now is to restrain yourself from marrying her. That style of freshness will, in thirty or forty years, wear away. If it does not, probably the vigorous big brother of some "young lady of fortune" will consent you to a splendid tomb. Do not try to promenade with a young lady unless she gives her consent. Do not marry one against her wishes. Give the girl a chance. She will appreciate it, and even a boy who does not marry you, she will permit you to sit on the fence and watch her when she goes to marry some one else. Do not be dependent. Be courageous, and some day you will be a great man. At present the horizon is a little bit foggy.

As you say, she may be so giddy that she doesn't want steady company. There is a glimmer of hope in that. She may be waiting for you to show her some agency and annoyance of testing before she looks seriously into the matter of matrimony. If that should turn out to be the case we are not surprised. Give her a chance to grow up, and in the meantime go and learn the organ-grinder's profession, and fix yourself so that you can provide for a family. Sometimes a girl only seventeen years old is able to discern that a young man is a giant like you is not going to make a dazzling success of life as a husband. Brace up and try to forget your sorrow, and you may be happy yet.—Laramie Boomerang.

—In Massachusetts smoking at the polls is prohibited by law.

Worthy of Praise.

As a rule we do not recommend Patent Medicines, but when we know of one that really is a public benefactor, and does good to the world, then we consider it our duty to impart that information to all. Electric Bitters are truly a most valuable medicine, and will surely cure Biliousness, Fever and Ague, and in the most of cases, Rheumatism, and all other ailments. We know whereof we speak, and can freely recommend them to all who are afflicted with any of the above named ailments. Sold at five cents a bottle by H. H. HARRIS & CO.

It is No Joke.

To suffer constant headache, depression of spirits, longing for food and not being able to eat when put before you, gnawing pains in the stomach, lassitude and general feeling of weakness; but a capital cure for all these ailments. H. H. HARRIS & CO. will remove all these ailments and only costs \$1.00.

THE BRIVANS will manage two more excursions to Kansas and Missouri. The first train to leave on Jan. 23, and the second train on Jan. 16th. Fare from Decatur \$15 for round trip; tickets good for thirty days. Dec. 27—d&w

To the People of Macon County.

Look over your insurance and let it be as it should be. The Commercial Mutual Fire Insurance Company, a strong home company, and by doing so save money and add to the prosperity of our growing city. This company will issue policies on or about Feb. 1.

JAS. W. HAWORTH, Pres.

JNO. A. BARNES, Sec'y.

Coal Coal! Hard and soft coal at my yard, adjoining Furniture factory, at prices to suit the times; also cord and dry stove-wood delivered to any part of the city. Leave orders at Peter Ulrich's grocery store, or telephone.

J. H. YENIGERHOLZ.

Dec. 5—d&w

B & O Buy call and our Styles and Prices.

CEMPAR CHARLEY.

For the best meals and best liquor call at the Palace Hotel. [Aug. 20—d&w]

New line of fine Knit Jackets just received, at Shio's.

Going West.

A young man in the older communities of the East, reading of the marvelous growth of this new Western country, often asks himself whether he could not wisely join the ranks of the next annual migration. No doubt the question, "Shall I Go West?" is the universal problem in the minds of thousands of the young men of the East, who have still their careers to make, and have not yet gained a secure and promising footing in the business world. It is a question which each must answer for himself, and concerning which no advice can be given that would be of universal application. It would be a grievous mistake to suppose that a change of longshore alone insures success. Idleness, inactivity, and a nervous, drifting disposition, have no better chance in Montana than in Massachusetts. Indeed, there are some men who run along fairly well in the East, in the groove of custom and of established acquaintance and business connections, who would make lamentable shipwreck if set adrift in a new Western community.

On the other hand, the chances for a young man of average pluck and energy are unquestionably much better in the West than in the East. He shares the advantages of being among the first to open a fresh storehouse of natural wealth. He gets the first dividend on the increase of value resulting from bringing population upon the soil. The land he buys for three or four dollars an acre, or gets for nothing by homestead settlement, soon becomes worth ten or fifteen. If he embarks in trade or in any mechanical pursuit, his wares or his services are in brisk demand, because the new-comers around him require goods and implements. Then there is a certain stimulus in the moral atmosphere caused by the ambitions and enterprises of a new community full of hope and activity, which makes hardships easy to bear and causes buoyancy of spirits.

Western people find it hard to make their friends in the East understand just what they mean when they speak of the difference in the business and social tone of the two sections. It is a difference to be felt rather than defined. There is vastly more energy and more hope per capita of the population in new communities than old, and the immigrant feels at once the resulting stimulus. It braces up the listless and the desponding, and makes the most active man feel that there is a deal more in him in the way of work and ideas than he supposed. Many a young man who would have remained a clerk or small-salaried employee of some old established firm, had he stayed in the East, becomes, amid the larger opportunities of the West, a "leading citizen," and the owner of a fine farm or a prosperous business.

The young man going West can, therefore, count upon the opportunities of obtaining good land at small cost, the business openings growing out of the wants of a new community, and the social incentive that comes from contact with hopeful, enterprising people. If he does not succeed in gaining a full measure of independence in the course of ten years, the reason will lie in his own disposition. He will either lack energy and capacity, or he will be so much a creature of habit and so thoroughly the outgrowth of an older civilization that he can not adjust himself to the new environment. There are men, as well as women, that will not thrive when transplanted. The intending emigrant would do well to study his own disposition carefully, and make sure that he is not of that kind.—The Century.

A Vindictive Policeman.

About the time the Austin City Council reduced the wages of the police, a policeman upon two horses and a dog were busy shooting at a target with a pistol, inside of the city limits, contrary to the city ordinance.

"Boys, that's contrary to law, and best you should know it," said the policeman. "If you don't stop, I'll have to arrest you." "No, you won't arrest us. Our father is an Alderman."

"Is your father an Alderman, sure enough?" asked the policeman. "Yes, sir."

"Then keep on shooting, boys, as far as I am concerned, I won't stop you, but I will shoot your blatted heads off."—Austin Siftings.

A World Wants Proof.

The proof of the pudding is the eating thereof, and not in chewing the string which tied the bag. Therefore, the Dr. Jones Red Clover Tonic. It cures all blood disorders, torpid liver, sick headache, constipation, and all diseases of the blood and system. This is the best tonic known. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner, Fifty cents per bottle. [April 3—d&w]

C. F. Bachmann & Bro.

If you want to get value received call on C. F. Bachmann & Bro. They keep a full line of Bed Room Suits, Parlor Suits, Book Cases, Mattresses, Spring Beds, Chairs, and the best of the latest styles. Cook Stove, the best in the city, every stove fully guaranteed. Remember the place and give them a call. Sign of the Big Elephant, south of the Park. April 3—d&w

Beautiful Furniture. Mr. P. B. Provost, the well-known furniture man, who has long been connected with the business in Decatur, is now in charge of the extensive furniture double store establishment in Court house block, where there would be no time to list all his old friends and the public generally call when in need of any kind of furniture at low figures. The display of house-furnishing goods for the holiday trade is simply immense, and embraces elegantly upholstered parlor chairs, easy chairs, and all the novelties obtainable in any market. Mr. Provost will take great pleasure in showing you the fine stock. Call at once. Dec. 11—d&w

W. C. T. U.

Its meetings occur on Tuesdays at 7:30 p. m., and on Thursdays at 10:00 p. m., in Central Block, the former being a Gospel singing and the latter a social hour for business. There is also a monthly meeting at the tabernacle, on the third Thursday evening of the month. All are welcome to any of these meetings. W. M. SARGENT, Sec'y.

Our new FALL and WINTER STOCK of CLOTHING is now ready for inspection. You are cordially invited to call and examine. CEMPAR CHARLEY, Manufacturer of Fine Clothing. Sept. 7—d&w

B. STINE,

—THE—

POPULAR BOSS CLOTHIER

Will wake up this sleepy locality from now on until the **HOLIDAYS ARE OVER** with an **ENTIRE NEW LINE** of

BOYS' SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING!

MADE UP IN THE

Most **ARTISTIC STYLE**, and from the **Best American and Foreign Materials.**

As to the intrinsic value of these garments, your own judgment will prompt you to make an investment, and time will justify the correctness of our claim.

Remember

B. STINE, the Boss Clothier,

Is reliable and trustworthy.

Dec. 12, 1882—d&w

FACTS FOR HOUSE-KEEPERS

Syracuse Baking Powder Co. U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., Oct. 31, 1882. GENTLEMEN:—I send you the result of my analysis of the following Baking Powders:

NAME OF POWDER.	Per cent of water.	Per cent of carbonic acid.	Per cent of starch.	Per cent of sugar.	Per cent of salt.
PEARL BRAND.	14.10	13.60	None.	14.40	14.40
ROYAL BRAND.	14.10	13.60	None.	14.40	14.40
ST. LOUIS BRAND.	14.10	13.60	None.	14.40	14.40
ST. LOUIS BRAND.	14.10	13.60	None.	14.40	14.40
ST. LOUIS BRAND.	14.10	13.60	None.	14.40	14.40

The first five contain as will be seen, a large percentage of starch. The TIP TOP is composed of pure cream of tartar, bicarbonate of soda and the whites of eggs, and is the best baking powder in the world. It is the only one that is pure and contains no starch or sugar.

Strangers as it may seem, the Pearl, Dr. Price's Cream, Royal, St. Louis and the New York Brand Powders are NOT "unadulterated" pure bicarbonate of soda, but contain a large percentage of starch, so that every purchaser of a pound of either of these pays from 7 to 15 cents for about 1-2 pound of actual soda.

THE TIP TOP IS MADE ONLY OF Pure Grape Cream Tartar, Finest Bicarbonate of Soda and the Whites of Eggs. Try it and learn the superiority of TIP TOP over starch. It requires one third less, and is one-third stronger than any other baking powder made. SYRACUSE BAKING POWDER CO., SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Sold in Decatur by **PETER ULLRICH.**

VIENNA BREAD.

The Genuine Article manufactured every day at

A. O. Brewer's Bakery

25 North Main Street.

I have in my employ a first-class baker, who has had long experience in baking all kinds of bread, and I have, at large expense, tried my own for baking the justly celebrated "Viennese Bread."

Try this Vienna Bread and you will say it is the finest you have ever eaten. Sold by all the best bakers in Decatur, and a fresh stock always on hand for family use. Satisfy your parties and festive gatherings, and a fresh stock always on hand for family use.

Thinking the public for their increased patronage, I assure all my friends that I shall do everything in my power to merit their confidence.

A. O. BREWER.

Breakfast Buns fresh every morning, and Vienna rolls and Doughnuts fresh every afternoon.

THE advertisement,

"GOOD MORNING!"

Is the name of my new 5-CENT CIGAR, and I will say this to my friends—it is the best cigar I have ever had. Five cts. a piece; \$5.00 per 100.

FRED NORMAN,

One door East of Postoffice, Decatur, Ill. Dec. 4, 1882—d&w

Getting Ready for the Holidays. I am now trimming up a handsome line of Bonnets, Hats and Turbans extra for the holiday trade, which I will sell at reduced prices. I have also on hand a full line of Holiday Novelties suitable for Christmas Presents; also a full line of Zephyrs and German Town and Cashmere Yarns. Our line of Children's Cloaks and Hoods is complete. Please call and see us and examine goods and prices, as I will not be undersold.

Mrs. K. E. EMMETT, 23 East Main St. We have a full line of Ladies' Underwear in mullin or woolen. Special bargains will be offered. Dec. 8—d&w



—THE—

Annual Clearing Out Sale

HAS BEGUN NOW,

And will last until the Arrival of Our Spring Stock.

THIS MEANS

BARCAINS!

—WITH—

"Cheap Charley."

KAUFMAN & BACHRACH, Manufacturers of Clothing.

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Manufacturers of

Clothing!

Men's and Boys'

Goods for Men's Wear,

and

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BANKING HOUSE!

PEDERSON, HARRIS & CO.

— WE HAVE —

Money to Loan!

IN VARIOUS SUMS ON THE

Most Favorable Terms,

Secured by Mortgages on Real Estate.

We keep a supply of

GOVERNMENT BONDS!

on hand at all times, which we will sell at

LOWEST MARKET RATES.

By a general banking business transacted on the most liberal and reasonable terms.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

AT

PAR

Can now be made to the order in the

THIRD SERIES

of the

SAVINGS FUND BUILDING ASSOCIATION

Series commencing on the last Tuesday, the 26th day of November, at the office of

WARREN & DUFFEE.

R. H. HARRIS, President.

D. R. DUFFEE, Sec'y. [The President, R. H. HARRIS, is now in the city.]

JAMES PYLE'S

PEARLINE

THE BEST THING KNOWN

Washing and Bleaching

In Hard or Soft, Hot or Cold Water. SAVING LABOR, TIME AND SOAP AMOUNT. It is the best thing known. No matter how dirty or soiled, it will clean and whiten, and is the best thing known. No matter how dirty or soiled, it will clean and whiten, and is the best thing known.

BURGLARS!

R. L. SHATTUCK, Agent for Decatur and vicinity, for the sale of the Detroit and Chicago Police, will sell you a new or second-hand safe, take your old safe in exchange, and give you as good bargain as any one in the business. Dec. 11—d&w

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL.

CHAS. LAUX, Proprietor, South side of the Old Square, Decatur, Jan. 1, 1883—d&w

NOTICE.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that he will make application to the city council at its next regular meeting, February 6, 1883, for a license to retail spirituous liquors in a building on Lot 5, Block 4, 3rd Building, 2nd Addition to the City of Decatur, the said building being owned by J. J. PEDERSON. OLE JOHNSON, Jan. 11—d&w

SHIRLEY always was an almighty lucky fellow, anyhow.

The two houses of the Illinois legislature adjourned yesterday until 5 o'clock Monday evening.

If we catch the drift of Bro. Walls' remarks concerning the correspondent at Macon who took him to task through our columns, he is, so to speak, barking up the wrong sapling.

ZERLEDA GARRISON, the St. Louis girl whose disappearance is chronicled in our news columns, has turned up. She claims to have been chloroformed and spirited away—probably for the purpose of securing a ransom for her return.

The Jonah-like experience of Siegel, a traveler for an eastern importing house is remarkable. His business affairs necessitated a trip to Europe. He sailed from New York for Liverpool December 9th on the City of Berlin. She lost her rudder at sea and was compelled to put back to port in tow of another steamer. Siegel then embarked in the City of Brussels that went down a few days ago in the estuary of the Mersey. He, however, succeeded in escaping with his life but lost all his personal effects, which were valuable. His repeated misfortunes on the deep have made him timid of the sea and in his present state of mind will not feel like returning to this country until the walking is good.

New Postals.

The postoffice department has contracted for a very large quantity of the new style of postal cards, or combined letter and envelope, as it is sometimes called. Fear has been expressed by some postal experts that it would interfere greatly with the revenue of the department, especially if a reduction in postage to two cents were adopted, but those in favor of the new cards reply that the same was claimed when the postal cards were first proposed, and then, as now, letter postage was three cents. Should a reduction be made a larger sheet and envelope combined with a two cent stamp upon it would be among the things to follow.

MRS. ABRAHAM LINCOLN told Dr. Minor, of Springfield, that when the fatal bullet struck the President he was talking about a journey to Palestine for rest after they should leave the White House. He said he wanted to see Jerusalem, and place his feet in the very paths the Savior trod.

All the New York millionaires are said to have bodily ill. Vanderbilt suffers from complaints of the bladder; Jay Gould has dyspepsia and nervous prostration; J. R. Keene has acute liver complaint; Mr. Russell Sage has a complication of ailments; and keeps a drawerful of medicine by him all the time. Rufus Hatch has got malaria, and is full of quinine.

The State of Illinois, according to the statistics, paid more internal revenue into the United States Treasury in 1882 than any state in the Union. She paid more than New York by \$3,837,515; more than Ohio by \$19,179,932, and more than all the Southern states combined. The government looks westward for its revenues. "Westward the Star of Empire takes its way" is not a figure of speech.

CHINA is ahead on bridges, the largest in the world being her structure at Layang, over an arm of the China Sea. It is five miles long, built entirely of stone, has 399 arches, 70 feet high, and a roadway 70 feet wide. The parapets are balustraded, and each of the pillars, which are 70 feet apart, supports a pedestal on which is placed a lion, 21 feet long, made of one block of marble.

The Peoria Journal says Judge Blades, of the Bloomington circuit, is of a cold nature. He experiences a good deal of trouble in keeping himself warm while on the bench. In Kankakee the other day he had a big base-burner stove put up close to his bench and a roaring fire built up in it. In a short time the floor under it began to smoke, and finally burst into a flame. The fire department rushed in and put it out. The bar ventured to joke his Honor about wanting such a hot place here below in order to get used to it by and by. He retorted that the average lawyer of his circuit could not look at a fire without trembling, and resolving to lead a better life.

THERE is something wrong in Denmark. Simon Cameron, of Pennsylvania, and Charles A. Dana, of the New York Sun, two men who differ in disposition, in opinions, and in associations as no other two men in the country do, have agreed and arranged to take a pleasure tour from New York to San Francisco in a special car together. They are to be accompanied only by their servants, and are to be gone three months, going by the Southern Pacific and returning by the Union Pacific Railroad. Both are very agreeable old gentlemen, and enjoy a good time now as much as they did in the days of their youth, but what strange combination of circumstances associated them in such a journey is not explained.

JAPANESE SILK HANDKERCHIEFS. Plain, white and solid colors, suitable for holiday presents, at Decatur's One-Price Clothing and Merchant Tailoring House, corner of old square. dec14-dw17

Anti-Socialism.

Last year was the most prosperous one for building, in Chicago, than any in her history, with the probable exception of the first season after the great fire. The greater part of the improvements were made by working men in building homes for themselves. So pronounced is this disposition of the masses to become property owners, that one of the loan associations of that city has been compelled to increase its capital stock from \$1,000,000 to ten times that amount. The socialistic movement that made great strides in Chicago in the dull times following the panic of '73, has dwindled down to a few vagrants, who sit around saloon stoves and howl about down-trodden labor. The possession of property has made the workman comparatively independent. He is so situated that he is not compelled to submit to any abrogation of his rights as an employee. His habits of saving are incentives to greater industry, and advance his status as a workman. Having an object to work for, labor is robbed of its drudgery, and with his mind relieved of the dread of an old age of poverty, with cheerful domestic surroundings, and blessed with the consciousness of independence, the workman becomes a better husband and father, a better man, a better citizen, and a powerful factor in the progressive interests of the commonwealth. On this class of citizens, who bear the greater share of the burden of life, the frenzied and inflammatory utterances of the blatant demagogue fall powerless. Herr Most could not find enough socialists in Milwaukee to make a corporal's guard, because those who professed socialism five years ago are now property-owners, and utterly repudiate it. The present and future prosperity of this great Nation is not so dependent upon the development of its natural resources, or the efforts of accumulated capital, as it is upon the individual efforts of its representatives of labor. This fact has been too lightly esteemed in the past, but it is winning for itself an important position in national affairs, that in the near future will be permanently sustained.

The Washington Slave Mart.

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Washington was, in 1843, the greatest slave mart in the United States. Within sight of the capital, not far from the lower gate, and near, if not upon the land where the public garden now is, was a building with a large yard around it, inclosed with a high fence. Thither slaves were brought from all the slave holding regions, like cattle to the Chicago stock yards, and looked up until sold. There were regular auction days for those not disposed of at private sale. The Chicago fire destroyed a hard cracker which I had preserved as a specimen by which purchasers tested the age of slaves. And to this day, if there is anything that the average southern negro does not know it is his own age. The slaves were placed upon a block, and when a question rose as to age the auctioneer requested them to bite from a cracker, which all slave auctioneers kept for such occasions. The theory was that while a slave could masticate well he could work. Nearly all the labor of Washington was performed by slaves, many of whom were hired from the neighboring states. The slaves were expected to collect their wages monthly, and take them home on some Saturday night. One morning I missed my boots, and when I went for the bootblack he was missing also. After a few days I saw a procession of captured slaves, who had sought their liberty in a Potomac schooner, chained two and two, conducted to the slave pen; and there I noticed my bootblack trudging along in my boots. I had made a successful canvass for congress in those boots, but they failed the slave in his canvass for freedom. He was sold for the southern market, as was customary with captured fugitives, and my boots went with him. But whether they were worn out by him upon some sugar, rice or cotton plantation, or by his new master, it was needless for me to enquire. I was a democrat in those days. An anti-slavery friend, who stood by me at the time, observed that the slave ought to have known that if he ever got into democratic boots he would have to go south, whereas if he had only stolen his boots instead of mine, they would have landed him safely in Canada.

An Old Oath.

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Mr. B. E. Hoffman, while searching the records at Chester, Ill., found on the "Record Book of John Todd, County Lieutenant, and Commandant of Illinois at Kaskaskia, July 10, 1782," the following oath taken by Capt. James Moore: "I do swear on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that I renounce all fidelity to George the Third, King of Great Britain, his heirs and successors, and that I will bear true allegiance to the United States of America, as free and independent as declared by Congress, and that I will not do nor cause to be done any matter or thing that may be injurious or prejudicial to the independence of said States, and that I will make known to some one Justice of the Peace for the United States all treasons, all treacherous conspiracies which may come to my knowledge to be formed against said United States, or any one of them. So help me God."

Sworn to at Kaskaskia, 10th July, 1782. JAMES MOORE.

Some of the New York papers are very prosperous, according to a letter from that city.

The Herald cleared \$350,000 last year; the Sun paid ten per cent. each month on its capital stock of \$350,000; the Times netted \$200,000, and others are doing well. In the west, the most prosperous papers are the Chicago Times, the Chicago Tribune, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

LEAVE orders for cord and stove wood at F. D. Caldwell's, Post Office Block.

Dec. 19-dw17

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

AFTER THE BATTLE.

The Talk at Springfield.

Mysterious Disappearance of a St. Louis Girl.

BELLEVIEW, Ill., Jan. 12.—Philip Matthews, the murderer of Miss Anna Geyer, was hanged in the jail yard this morning in the presence of about fifty persons. Matthews was attended by three ministers, and conducted himself on the scaffold with great firmness, bidding good-bye to all in a clear, strong voice. Although the drop was nearly eight feet, his neck was not broken, and it was more than 20 minutes before the physicians decided that he was dead. Matthews was not quite 21 years of age.

The crime for which Matthews was hanged was one of the most sensational in the annals of the country. He had been engaged to his victim, Miss Anna Geyer, for over a year, but on account of his dissipated habits she had broken with him. For this he shot her down on Sunday afternoon, May 28, last, in a little grove just east of the city, where she and a number of her girl companions had gone for recreation and to inspect the arrangements that had been made for a picnic to be held the following day by the German Methodist Episcopal Sabbath school, of which they were all members. Matthews took her apart from the rest and tried to get her to take him back, and on her refusal he shot her through the heart, killing her instantly.

During an interview with a reporter yesterday Matthews said: "I have made my peace with God, and know that I will go straight to heaven. The girl I killed I love better than all the world, and she is waiting for me up there, where I will dwell in happiness with her. Governor Callum was a hard hearted man not to commute my sentence. I'm only a boy, 20 years old, and the penitentiary for life ought to have satisfied the demands of justice."

A close watch was kept upon him during his last hours, no one being permitted to see him except his relatives and those who could secure a permit in the presence of the jailor or other officer. Matthews' aged mother and father visited him yesterday, and were permitted to stand in the jail corridor and talk to him through the grating. The mother knelt down on the stone floor and prayed fervently for him. The father was so overcome with grief that he had to be taken away.

The father of the murdered girl expressed his indignation that the gallows had not been built above the walls, so all the people could witness the ignominious death of his daughter's slayer.

St. Louis, Jan. 12.—There is great excitement here over the disappearance of Miss Zerelda Garrison, a young girl of 17, remarkable for her beauty, and one of the belles of the city. She was last seen alive last Saturday, when a little after one o'clock she left the residence of her uncle, O. L. Garrison, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Morris, and came down town to the corner of Fifth and Olive streets. She there took a street car for Wild Hunter's, the terminus of the car line, in the extreme southern part of the city. The conductor of the car remembers her distinctly. When she got off the car at Wild Hunter's she asked to be directed to the convent of the Sacred Heart, which is only a dozen blocks away. Since then Miss Garrison has not been seen or heard from. The conductor noticed on the car platform four rough looking men of the hoodlum stamp, and they commented during the journey on Miss Garrison's handsome appearance. They said she was the most beautiful woman they had ever seen on the cars. It is supposed that these men had something to do with the disappearance of the young lady, and most horrible suspicions are aroused.

Miss Garrison was returning to the convent to pursue her studies. She had not returned since the Christmas holidays, having been detained by the visits of friends. She had been studying there for one year. She always made the journey to the convent in a carriage, but her uncle's horses were lame on Saturday, and so she decided to go in a street car. Her disappearance was not known to the family or the police until yesterday afternoon, as her relatives thought she was at the convent, and the Sisters at the convent thought she was at home.

Zerelda Garrison is only 17, but as well developed as a girl of 21. She is strikingly handsome; has brown hair, and eyes full of expression and life. Her complexion is fair, and she is graceful in carriage and stylish in appearance. Weighs about 150 pounds.

All night the detectives and Chief of Police Campbell have been searching the vicinity of the convent for a clue in vain. The men from the Vulcan Steel Works, not far away, aided in the search. This morning the Sergeant of Police and a squad of twenty men examined all the ground, but without result.

The excitement in the city is intense, and the probable fate of the poor girl is the universal theme of conversation. The police are actively at work, and so far their efforts have resulted in nothing.

The Sacred Heart convent is a notable Catholic educational institution, situated about five miles south of the center of the city, and enjoys a high reputation. The vicinity of the convent is very sparsely settled.

The Keystone of Health.

How can you expect to feel well, or even enjoy life, when you go about with a weak, aching back? Dr. J. Storer's drug store, and get a bottle of Dr. Bigelow's Kidney and Bladder Pills. A trial bottle costs nothing.

St. Louis, Jan. 12.—An Irishman known as "drunken Jack Sheehan" was locked up yesterday afternoon on the charge of having murdered his son James, a lad of 17 years. It seems that Sheehan went home

HOME AND FARM.

—Let clothes that fade soak over night in one ounce of lead in a pail of water.

—The crop of potatoes in Great Britain this year is less by 57,000 bushels than last year. Very few, if any, will be shipped to this country.

—Cold roast beef is very nice broiled. Cut into slices about a quarter of an inch thick and have it as rare as possible; sprinkle with pepper and salt and put it on the gridiron and let it heat quickly; turn it over four times in the same number of minutes, and serve with a dash with melted butter.—Chicago News.

—Baking Powder Biscuit: Into two cups of flour, sift five teaspoonfuls of baking powder, mixing it in evenly. Rub into this a piece of lard the size of half an egg. Mix with good sweet milk into a soft dough. Do not knead. Roll medium thickness, cut out with a biscuit-cutter, and bake in a very hot oven.—Country Gentleman.

—The absorption of a speck in the eye of a horse, if resulting from inflammation, may often be relieved by blowing some warm water into the eye, and then into the eye a good cooling dressing is four grains of sugar of lead, dissolved in one ounce of rainwater; or sulphate of zinc may be used instead of the lead. A rag, saturated with the solution, should be hung over the eye and the animal kept in a dark stable for some days.—N. Y. Herald.

—Many farmers of Oregon and Washington Territory have devoted their attention to hop culture. This year they raised a fine crop, estimated at 2,000,000 pounds. Many farmers have sold at 75 cents a pound, and others are holding for a higher price. This fine crop will bring a great sum to the farmers. It seems that the region is abundantly suited to hop culture, and a good supply may be expected from that quarter in future.—Chicago Journal.

—The bottom of every well and cistern should be examined at least twice a year, especially if not closely covered. Slides, filth, worms, toads, etc., often fall into the water. A good mirror or piece of common looking-glass held so as to throw the sun's rays to the bottom will show everything very plainly, even through a dozen feet of water or more. In some situations, and a cellar cistern, two or three mirrors may be needed to carry in the light, by double or triple reflection of the rays.—Exchange.

Never Give Up.

If you are suffering with low and depressed spirits, loss of appetite, general debility, disordered blood, weak constitution, headache, or any disease of a bilious nature, by all means procure a bottle of Electric Bitters. You will be surprised to see the rapid improvement that will follow; you will be inspired with new life; strength and activity will return; bilious results will cease; and hence the dilemma which will not compel them to stultify themselves by voting for the Governor, and his retainers are afraid that the constituents of the town will become wiser and advise them to take an independent stand.

Oglesby and Baum left for home at noon. The worst beaten man in Springfield is General Baum. He has lost his prestige.

Morgan's New Tin Shop.

Mr. John L. Morgan, formerly with Morehouse, Wells & Co., has commenced business on his own hook, having opened a new tin and general repair shop in the south room in Bill's block, south of the court house. Mr. Morgan has purchased an entirely new supply of improved tools, and is prepared to do all sorts of job and repair work in a thoroughly workmanlike manner, at reasonable rates. His work always speaks for itself. He respectfully solicits a share of the patronage of the public, and promises to give satisfaction in every instance. Remember the location—three doors south of the county clerk's office. Jan. 9-dw17

A Novel and Profitable Cure for Scrofula.

A discovery has recently been made which adds lustre to the Nineteenth Century. It consists simply in an extract from the Red Clover Blossom, as extracted by J. M. Looze & Co., Monroe, Mich., who have gone into the business largely in order to supply the increasing demand. For sale by Dr. A. J. STONER.

A slight testifying: Toronto, Ont., Jan. 17, 1882. J. M. Looze & Co., Monroe, Mich. Gentlemen—My wife has for some time been afflicted with something like a scrofulous disease, and found no relief until she gave your Extract of Red Clover a trial. I am happy to say she has experienced great relief. This is but a slight testimony of my appreciation of your efforts in behalf of humanity, which you are welcome to use for their benefit. I am very respectfully, Feb. 3, 1882—dew17v H. ANNS.

The largest stock of the custom-made overcoats, at Stone's. 1-dw17

Our new FALL and WINTER STOCK OF CLOTHING is now ready for inspection.

You are cordially invited to call and examine. CHAS. CHARTER, Manufacturer of Fine Clothing. Sep-7-dw17

Jessie Conthoni,

—THE GREATEST OF—

American Readers

—AND—

ELOCUTIONISTS!

Will give one of her Entertainments in the

OPERA HOUSE,

FRIDAY EVE., JAN. 19,

—FOR THE—

BENEFIT

—OF THE—

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Admission, 35 and 50 cents; reserved seats 75 cents. Reserved seats for prompt cash. Tickets at Curtis & Co's on and after Wednesday morning, the 17th instant. Jan-19-dw17

OPERA HOUSE.

ONE NIGHT ONLY

THURSDAY, JAN. 18.

Extraordinary Announcement.

Inclusive New York Press unanimously declare this the GREATEST SINGING CONCERT ON RECORD.

AMERICA'S GREATEST ARTISTE,

LILLIAN SPENCER,

In her unrivalled character, the

CREOLE

IN ARTICLE 47.

Supported by a Grand Company

Under the Management of CLAYBURN & PUTSIFER.

As played in

PARIS, 1,000 TIMES,

NEW YORK, 900 TIMES.

With all the Beautiful Effects, Elaborate Appearances, Superb Costumes, the Acrobatic Gambling Scene.

Seats can only be secured 3 days in advance. Curtis & Co's on and after Monday, January 16th. Jan-16-dw17

Who has ever lived any time in the country but must have heard of the virtues of Burdock as a blood purifier.

Burdock Blood Purifier cures dizziness, biliousness and all disorders arising from impure blood or deranged liver or kidneys. Price \$1.00.

Economy.

A fortune may be spent in using ineffectual medicines, when by applying Thomson's Electric Oil a speedy and economical cure can be effected. In cases of rheumatism, lame back, bodily ailments, or pains of every description, it affords instant relief.

WANTED, LOST, FOUND, &c.

(Notices in this column, of five lines or less, will be inserted one week for 25 cents, payable in advance. No trade advertisements inserted in this column.)

FOR RENT—House of 8 rooms, handy to square and depot. JOHN A. BROWN, ATT. dec-14-dw17

LOST—On Saturday morning, January 13, somewhere on the street, a small, portable, leather-bound book, containing a list of names and addresses of friends. If found, please return it to the American House. 15-dw17

ORDER—Try Cord and Stove Wood and Decatur Coal at J. F. Pennington's, on Prairie St., at corner opposite Fitch's new building. Jan-8-dw17

FOUR SALE—Several racks of good straw, near town, and some cheap corn. Jan-10-dw17 JOHN A. BROWN

WANTED—A good girl, steady employer, month good wages, and a good home for the right kind of a girl. Apply to Mrs. F. E. RANDOLPH, corner of Franklin and William streets. Jan-8-dw17

WANTED—A girl to do general housework. None but a good cook need apply. Enquire at C. O. Johnson's, in the side building, third floor, third door from the water. Jan-8-dw17

LOST—On Saturday, a gold pocket watch. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at this office. Jan-10-dw17

WANTED—A suite of either two or three rooms, unfurnished, with private family. Within two or three blocks of the square. Address L. Lock box 132, or inquire at post office. Jan-8-dw17

HONEY—I am still able to supply that extra fine honey—either comb or extracted. Jan-10-dw17 R. A. GASTMAN

WANTED—A girl to do housework. Apply at C. O. Johnson's, corner of Franklin and William streets. Jan-8-dw17

FOUR SALE—A No. 1 Cabinet organ, good as new, a chamber stove and other household goods—all in fine condition. Apply at corner of house south of Imboden's meat market, on South Main St. Jan-8-dw17

FOR RENT—A new, clean cottage, with porch, water in the kitchen. Situated on Broadway, two blocks north of the Walnut railway. Apply at 65 North Jackson street. Jan-8-dw17

NEW BAKERY AND RESTAURANT—I am now in the bakery and restaurant business again, in the new building south of the city. I have a large stock of fresh, warm meals at all hours. Give me a call. 25-cent meals. Jan-8-dw17

SCROLL SAWING and Turning done to order at the Mill and Sawing Shop, corner of Franklin and Second streets. Jan-8-dw17

J. M. LOWRY, Justice of the Peace and Collecting Agent, writes and certifies to acknowledgment of deeds, mortgages, leases, releases, and other instruments neatly and correctly. Office, Powers' Block, room 27, Decatur, Illinois. Jan-8-dw17

CHIEF LOTS—For sale to parties intending to build. Apply to MORTIMER & SMITH, Powers' Block. Jan-8-dw17

New and Stylish

FURNITURE

At prices to suit Everybody at LITTLE'S Court House Block.

Elegant PARLOR SUITES, 5, 6 or 7 pieces, in Silk, Plush, Tapestry and Fancy Coverings.

SILK AND PLUSH EASY CHAIRS and PATENT ROCKERS.

RATTAN and CANE ROCKERS and LADIES' CHAIRS.

BED-ROOM SETS in walnut and other woods.

BOOK CASES, CENTRE TABLES, LADIES' WRITING DESKS, BIBLE STANDS, CHAIRS, Mattresses, Pillows, Mirrors, and other useful and ornamental goods to make homes attractive.

NOTE THIS FACT—These goods are not sold at a large discount for prompt cash, and will be sold at less prices than many dealers can afford to sell goods.

In addition I have a large assortment of

Holiday Goods

TOYS, CHINA, SILVER PLATED WARE, LAMPS, BASKETS, GLASS GOODS, and, in fact, almost everything you may need for Housekeeping, including a variety of the Best COOK STOVES and HEATERS to be found. Please call and look through the stock.

Respectfully, R. LITTLE Dec. 15-dw17

P. PERL,

AND—

WESTERN COTTAGE ORGANS,

Because they know them to be the LEADING INSTRUMENTS OF THE WORLD.

100 ORGANS.

To be Closed Out in Ninety Days, at LESS THAN FACTORY PRICES. Now is the time to place your orders.

An Immense Stock of SMALL INSTRUMENTS SHEET MUSIC and MUSICAL MERCHANDISE generally, at

PRESCOTT'S CITY MUSIC STORE

Nov. 29, 1882—dew2mo

THE

BIG SHOE STORE,

13 EAST MAIN ST. THROUGH TO 9 WATER ST.

Wholesale and Retail Boots & Shoes.

LARGEST STOCK. LOWEST PRICES. BEST GOODS.

L. L. FERRISS & CO., DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

July 11, 1882—dew17

For Christmas!

WE SHOW TO-DAY

Fifty dozen Gents' Colored-Border Linen Handkerchiefs at 15 cents worth 25 cents, and some of the prettiest Colored Borders for Ladies ever owned at 12 1/2 to 50 cents.

20 dozen Hand-Embroidered at 45 cents worth \$1.00, and never sold for less than \$1.00.

Beautiful French Lace Handkerchiefs at 55 cents and \$1.50.

Elegant Duchesse Lace Handkerchiefs at \$3.00 to \$5.00.

50 dozen Silk Handkerchiefs, assorted styles, from 25c to \$1.75 a splendid assortment.

We have new Plush Bags, Leather Bags, Purses, and Leather Goods, Books, Linen and Lace Ties, Hoods, Nubias, Leggings, Ladies' and Children's Fleece, Cotton and Wool Stockings; all kinds of gloves from the most Cotton to the finest French Cashmeres and Kids.

A Splendid Stock of CORSETS.

Linen and Lace Collars and Fichus, white or black, at 5c to \$1.00.

Genuine Mink Furs at \$12 to \$25.

New Cloaks for Children. New Usters and Surtouts for Ladies, a good assortment of Cloaks and Dolmans.

A splendid stock of Shawls, all kinds and colors.

Felt, Cloth, Furrier Satin and Balmain Skirts, Hoop Skirts, Bustles.

Full assortment of Children's, Ladies' and Men's Underwear, white and red.

One of the Largest Stocks of Plush, Plain and Brocaded Velvets, and Colored Silks and Surraids; Satins, plain striped and Brocades, Trimmings that we have ever shown.

F. L. HAYS & CO.

DECATUR, ILL.

Dec-14-dw17

Cash Prizes \$200 Cash

FOR EVERY 50 CENTS

1st, \$100.00.



We will offer during January, to close out, an **OVERSTOCK** of the following goods:

100 dozen 1847 Rogers Bros' Silver Plated Knives at \$3.50 per dozen.

100 5-Bottle Triple Plated Casters at \$2.75.

50 Quadruple Plated Butter Dishes, bail handles, covers hanging up, at \$4.50; never sold less than \$5.50.

50 Quadruple Plated Cake Baskets at \$4.00; never sold less than \$5.00.

Also 1847 Rogers Bros' Forks, Spoons, Etc., at equally low prices.

PLEASE REMEMBER WE ONLY OFFER THESE PRICES DURING JANUARY, and all these goods are the same high standard of quality we always handled.

Come in and buy what you are going to need in this line for the next year. It will pay you.

Respectfully,

O. E. CURTIS & Co.

THURSDAY MORNING

WE WILL COMMENCE A

Five Days Sacrifice Sale OF MILLINERY!

1 Lot Children's Hats and Caps at 20 cts. Former price 50 cts. to \$1.00.
1 Lot Trimmed Felt Hats at 50 cts. Former price \$1.00 to \$1.50.
1 Lot Trimmed Felt Hats, nice styles, at \$1.00. Former price \$1.50 to \$2.
1 Lot Large Lot Untrimmed Felt Hats at just 50 cents on the dollar.
1 Lot Ladies' Bonnets, standard shapes, nice goods, choice \$2.00. Worth \$3.50 to \$5.00.
1 Lot Pattern Hats and Bonnets, beautiful styles and very choice goods at 50 cents on the dollar. Cost from \$5.00 to \$20.
Plumes, Tips, Fancy Feathers, Coque Plumes, Wings, Birds, &c., &c., at just half the regular price. Come and get them. First choice the best.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,
20 East Main St., Powers' Block.

LOW PRICES

— FOR —

Boots and Shoes!

Believing that it does not pay to carry goods over from one season to another, I have always made a Clearance Sale between each season, and as a consequence my stock is the newest in the city.

And in order to sell all my winter goods before my New Spring Stock arrives, I will sell everything in the Boot and Shoe line at lower prices than the same quality of goods was ever before offered in Decatur.

To old customers I would say, come again; to others I would say, come once, and you will be sure to come again, if good, serviceable **BOOTS and SHOES**, at low prices, will satisfy you. Call and see me.

Men's Fine Shoes, (Lilly Brackett & Co.'s), sold at other stores for \$4.00, will be sold at J. W. BAKER'S for \$3.00.
Men's Fine Shoes, sold at other stores for \$4.00, will be sold at J. W. BAKER'S for \$3.00.
Men's Working Shoes will be sold at J. W. BAKER'S for \$1.50, and Men's Boots for \$2.00 that other dealers will ask from \$5.00 to \$1 more.

Ladies' Fine Kid Shoes, sold at other stores for \$3.00, will be sold at J. W. BAKER'S for \$2.50.
Ladies' Fine Kid Shoes, (Rochester make), sold at other stores for \$4.00 to \$4.50, will be sold at J. W. BAKER'S for \$3.50 to \$4.00.
Ladies' Good Solid Shoes, sold at other stores for \$2.00, will be sold at J. W. BAKER'S for \$1.25.

REMEMBER THE PLACE,

J. W. BAKER'S,
18 East Main-St.

Jan. 12, 1888—J&W

The Daily Republic.

TERMS.
Per week, payable to Carrier, \$1.00.
One year, in advance, \$7.00.
Six Months, " 3.50.
Three Months, " 1.75.

SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 13, 1888.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

LATEST style of silver-plated mugs at E. D. BARTELOMEW & Co.'s.

CALDWELL has the best hard coal in market. P. O. Block. 24dt

RUN and sleet last night. Had walking to-day.

TREASURER WOOD is still on top, and he'll stay there.

The river ice thawed last night, and the harvest was stopped for to-day.

SELECT splendid lap-robes and fine horse blankets at J. W. Tyler's, south side city park.

ALWAYS remember that you can get fine family groceries at Niedermeyer's on the mound.

An elegant assortment of Silk Handkerchiefs at B. STRINE'S. Dec. 22-4t

To-night Mr. Tom Doyle will illuminate his establishment in Commercial Block, on East Eldorado street, by means of electric light. The apparatus arrived in this city the other day, and is now in position.

ORDER Decatur coal, Nut or Lump of Caldwell, P. O. Block. 24dt

SILK Umbrellas at STRINE'S. 22 tf

ILLINOIS Central railroad stock is quoted at 144 1/2; C. & A. 136 1/2; Union Pacific, 103 1/2; Wabash preferred, 54 1/2; common, 31 1/2; Denver & Rio Grande, 41 1/2; H. & St. J., 82; Peoria, Decatur & Evansville, 27 1/2; B. & W., 33; Western Union Telegraph, 82 1/2.

FOR Saturday and Sunday smoking ask all first-class dealers for Schroeder's celebrated Bohemian cigars—a nickel each.

THERE are no better pianos in all the broad land than those Haines Bros. instruments. Sold only in Decatur by C. B. Prescott in opera block.

WILL be at work at the D. A. Maffit ice house yesterday John A. Songer slipped and fell off the ice chute, a distance of 20 or 25 feet. He fell on his back, and it is believed he was seriously injured internally. He was picked up and taken to his home, where he will remain for the present. He was feeling quite sore this forenoon.

MR. OLIVE and Barclay coal delivered to any part of city, at \$2.25 per ton, by Ed. Martin. Jan. 6-dtf

THE still breeze last night made it "mighty uncomfortable" navigation for pedestrians.

THE P. D. & F. Railroad Company will sell round-trip excursion tickets on Jan. 16th to Lincoln and Columbus, Nebraska, and also to land points in Kansas, tickets good for 40 days. 6-dtf

A new vein of coal six feet thick and divided by a thin seam of fine clay, has been discovered at Danville, below the Grape Creek vein, said to be same as that mined at DuQuoin and of the best quality. Still below that a salt stream was struck, sending a strong current of brine to the surface, the same as evaporated with success at DuQuoin.

THE "Keystone" nickel cigars and the favorite "10-cers," made by Keck & Wegand, take the lead in Decatur. Call for them. nov10dtf

A splendid free lunch will be served at Morgan's Palace Exchange during the forenoon and evening of next Saturday and the Italian band will be present and delight those in attendance with a number of their best selections. All are invited. 10dd

GO to Peter Ullrich's headquarters for fancy candies, mixed and stick candies, lemons, oranges and Malaga grapes and nuts of all kinds. Special figures given in quantity lots. Dec. 28-dtf

REV. L. G. POWERS, of McHenry, Ill., will preach in the Universalist church of this city on next Sabbath, Jan. 14, both morning and evening. A full attendance of the members of the church is requested, and the public is invited to attend.

THE executive committee of the Illinois State Grange held a business meeting at the St. Nicholas hotel yesterday, and attended to business affecting matters that will come before the 200 delegates to the state meeting, to be held in Good Templars' hall on the 16th, 17th and 18th. The members of the committee present were: G. W. Curtis, of Nora; J. M. Chambers, of Chicago, secretary of the board; J. R. Shaver, of Ottawa; and J. M. Thompson, of Joliet.

GO to Dr. Thomas S. Hoskins to get your dental work done. Cor. Main and Water streets, Decatur, Ill. 24dt

AS ingenious swindle is being practiced successfully among farmers by which one dollar bills are made to return a large interest to the manipulators. A one-dollar and a five-dollar bill, greenbacks or national bank currency, are carelessly torn in two in the middle and the half of the one and the half of the five are pasted together. Unless closely scrutinized they will be apt to be taken for fives. Thus with six dollars the swindlers have been making a clear profit of four dollars out of the two fives which they manufacture. The swindlers are generally in the guise of peddlers, and have "taken in" a goodly number of victims.

HARD and SOFT COAL at Ed Martin's coal yard. Jan. 6-dtf

"Cora," the Star, and the Play.

MISS Lillian Spencer as "Cora," last evening, demonstrated conclusively her claim to be the only living rival of the great Clara Morris, whose initial triumph strangely enough, was made in another though inferior adaptation of Belet's powerful drama of "Article 477." The audience assembled at the Academy was wildly enthusiastic and applauded to the echo both star and play. Perhaps the young lady's best compliment was from one of our greatest city physicians, who declared last evening to Miss Spencer's managers that "her mad scene was painfully realistic."—Exchange.

THE Lillian Spencer company will appear at the opera house in "The Creole" on Thursday evening, Jan. 18th. The press gives the company strong endorsement, and speaks in the highest terms of Miss Spencer.

OUR PRICES are THE LOWEST, and our stock is the Largest, Newest and Best. Come and we will prove it. Sep. 7-dtf

CHAS. CHARLEY.

THE RECOUNT.

Treasurer Wood at Least 192 Ahead in the Outcome.

The special commissioners have finished the recount of the throw of ballots for the office of county treasurer, with the exception of Maroa township. The ballots from Maroa were not found in the box, but on investigation it was ascertained that they had not been returned to the county clerk as provided by law. The town clerk at Maroa telephoned last evening that the tickets were in his charge, and under lock and key in the ballot box. The commissioners will not be able to make a complete report of the recount until after they get possession of the missing ballots. Clerk Hardy last evening addressed a note to the town clerk at Maroa requesting him to bring the tickets to his office, but they had not been brought to the city up to 2 o'clock this afternoon. Below is the result so far as it has proceeded:

COMPARATIVE TABLE.

TOWNSHIPS.	Vote as returned in November.	Wood, Rep.	Wood, Dem.
Decatur—1st Dist.	511	270	241
2d Dist.	413	215	198
3d Dist.	383	205	178
4th Dist.	410	222	188
5th Dist.	422	210	212
6th Dist.	422	210	212
7th Dist.	422	210	212
8th Dist.	422	210	212
9th Dist.	422	210	212
10th Dist.	422	210	212
11th Dist.	422	210	212
12th Dist.	422	210	212
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16th Dist.	422	210	212
17th Dist.	422	210	212
18th Dist.	422	210	212
19th Dist.	422	210	212
20th Dist.	422	210	212
21st Dist.	422	210	212
22nd Dist.	422	210	212
23rd Dist.	422	210	212
24th Dist.	422	210	212
25th Dist.	422	210	212
26th Dist.	422	210	212
27th Dist.	422	210	212
28th Dist.	422	210	212
29th Dist.	422	210	212
30th Dist.	422	210	212
31st Dist.	422	210	212
32nd Dist.	422	210	212
33rd Dist.	422	210	212
34th Dist.	422	210	212
35th Dist.	422	210	212
36th Dist.	422	210	212
37th Dist.	422	210	212
38th Dist.	422	210	212
39th Dist.	422	210	212
40th Dist.	422	210	212
41st Dist.	422	210	212
42nd Dist.	422	210	212
43rd Dist.	422	210	212
44th Dist.	422	210	212
45th Dist.	422	210	212
46th Dist.	422	210	212
47th Dist.	422	210	212
48th Dist.	422	210	212
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65th Dist.	422	210	212
66th Dist.	422	210	212
67th Dist.	422	210	212
68th Dist.	422	210	212
69th Dist.	422	210	212
70th Dist.	422	210	212
71st Dist.	422	210	212
72nd Dist.	422	210	212
73rd Dist.	422	210	212
74th Dist.	422	210	212
75th Dist.	422	210	212
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89th Dist.	422	210	212
90th Dist.	422	210	212
91st Dist.	422	210	212
92nd Dist.	422	210	212
93rd Dist.	422	210	212
94th Dist.	422	210	212
95th Dist.	422	210	212
96th Dist.	422	210	212
97th Dist.	422	210	212
98th Dist.	422	210	212
99th Dist.	422	210	212
100th Dist.	422	210	212

Leaving out Maroa where Ray had a majority of 17, Mr. Wood is 209 votes ahead. Counting Ray's majority in Maroa, and Mr. Wood is still ahead 192 votes. The commissioners were instructed by Judge Cloyd, when they were appointed, to have their report ready on Monday, Jan. 15.

WE have before us a copy of the Pueblo (Colo.) *Chieftain*, which contains a long account of the marriage at that place, on Jan. 1st, of Mr. A. A. Foster, a Pueblo real estate dealer, and Miss Emma Stephens. The marriage is of local interest, as the bride was a *protege* of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hays of this city, from 1858 to 1870, when she went west with Mr. Samuel and family. She was well known to many of our readers as an intelligent and very exemplary young lady, and her friends here will join the REPUBLICAN in wishing her much joy. The couple will reside at Pueblo, where Mr. Foster's business interests are centered.

DETECTIVE JARRELL, who went to Podocory, Ohio, some days ago, after the notorious German horse-thief, with a requisition from Governor Cullom, writes Marshal Hewes from Columbus, Ohio, under date of the 10th, as follows: "We are completely *non est*. Sheriff Greasey, of Barry, Michigan, got his requisition in eight hours in advance of the one we brought. He was indicted there for stealing two horses and a lady. We did not arrive in Emoryville until the day after that my telegram stated, consequently they did not hold him. Sheriff Greasey saw a notice of Buckholt's capture, but did not know who caused his arrest. He was arrested on information from me and I was therefore entitled to him."

THEY ESCAPED.

THE day after the Newhall Hotel at Milwaukee was destroyed by fire, Justice Albert received a telegram bidding him to come to Milwaukee at once. Subsequently he got another message telling him not to come—that all were safe. His son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Oberdorfer, and his unmarried daughter, Miss Saline Albert, were guests at the Newhall, but they got out safely without injury. They have good reason to be thankful.

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire in this public manner to return my sincere thanks to the many friends who so kindly tendered their aid and sympathy during the protracted illness of my late husband, Prof. Andrew Goodman, and who so thoughtfully and tenderly paid to his remains the last sad tribute of respect. They are, one and all, entitled to my most grateful remembrance.

MARY GOODMAN.

REPORT OF TARDINESS.

In the Public Schools of Decatur for the Week Ending Jan. 12, 1888.

HIGH SCHOOL.

No. of pupils. Absent. Tardy.

J. N. Wilkinson 75 5 1

Mary W. French 50 2 1

Anna H. Judd 50 2 1

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Mary Wilder 78 5 10

Ella Bear 78 5 10

FIRST WARD.

T. L. Evans 61 4 4

Mary A. Bradley 61 4 4

Edith H. Hays 61 4 4

Rita E. Crowley 54 3 3

Laura Fulton 54 3 3

Arthur Johnson 54 3 3

SECOND WARD.

Edwin Philbrook 69 3 3

Rachel E. Albert 57 2 2

Mary M. Edwards 59 2 2

Belle Fulton 59 2 2

Anna H. Stans 48 2 2

Anna E. Murphy 45 2 2

THIRD WARD.

Jennie E. Durfee 47 2 2

Magaret K. Colbert 53 2 2

Anna H. Judd 59 2 2

Mary C. Gregory 59 2 2

Harriet A. Davidson 59 2 2

Ella C. Philbrook 53 2 2

FOURTH WARD.

Lucy H. Montgomery 51 2 2

Rosa E. Johnson 51 2 2

Fannie L. Smith 42 2 2

Laura Montgomery 51 2 2

JONES' SCHOOL.

Sallie E. Brand 9 10 0

STRAW WANTED.

The attention of farmers and all others interested is called to the fact that D. A. Maffit, the ice dealer, wants a large lot of straw right off. For further particulars inquire of D. A. Maffit. Jan 13-143

THE Springfield Post of last evening contained the following brief mention of a heavy business failure in that city: "We regret to learn that the old and popular dry goods firm, Kimber & Ragdale, of this city, were obliged to close their doors this morning, being unable to meet their financial engagements. We learn they confessed judgment in the sum of \$36,319.98 in favor of the Ridgely National Bank. It is presumed that there are other obligations but have not learned particulars."

THE Italian band was on duty to-day at Morgan's Palace Exchange, where a splendid oyster and turkey lunch was served to a large party of callers. The band will be present again to-night, when an excellent free lunch will be served. Jan. 11

SOME REASONS WHY HARD COAL IS SO DEAR HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

Dealers in Decatur sell hard coal at \$9 per ton, and many have wondered why this fuel is so high when soft coal can be had from \$1.75 to \$3.00 per ton. The following from the Danville Commercial throws light on the subject.

"WHY COAL IS DEAR."

"Under the above caption the Chicago *Tribune* discusses a matter which is of interest to everyone who burns anthracite or hard coal. It finds that the actual cost of mining and delivering coal in New York city is as follows:

Royalty to land owner, 12 1/2 cts. \$.35
Pay of miner, 10 cts. \$.30
Paying on contract of operator, etc., 10 cts. \$.30
Transportation to tide-water, 12 miles, 10 cts. \$.30
Lighterage to New York, 12 miles, 10 cts. \$.30
Discharging from lighter, 10 cts. \$.30
Less difference between gross ton (2500 pounds) and net ton (2000 pounds) \$.20
Total \$ 2.30

Carriage, 10 cts. \$.30
Feet of rail car, 10 cts. \$.30
Waste, 10 cts. \$.30
Total \$ 2.90

Hard coal sells for \$5 per ton in New York, for \$7.50 in Chicago and \$8.50 in this city. The royalty included in the above estimate is usually paid to the coal companies themselves, as they own the coal lands. But including the royalty, the cost of putting on the cars at the mine is \$1.85 per ton.

The reason for the exorbitant price charged for anthracite is to be found in the fact that the various coal companies have formed a combination among themselves and that they are thus enabled to fix prices pretty much to suit themselves, without any regard to the interests of the public or of the individual consumer.

The managers of these companies hold a meeting every month and "adjust" prices with a view to their interests alone. There are about half a dozen companies which virtually control the hard coal trade. The directors and managers of these companies have crushed out or absorbed all weak competitors, and have besides saddled upon their own companies a debt of over seven hundred million dollars.

MISS JESSIE COTTELL.

This charming young dramatic reader, who is to give an entertainment at the opera house next Friday evening for the benefit of the Baptist church, is thus addressed by the Boston *Home Journal*: "Her reading of the torture scene from King John, submitted her conceptive ability to a most exacting test, and she encountered it very successfully. In other selections she had a better chance to display her versatility, and her depiction of the factious and eccentric phases of life often provoked the merriest kind of laughter and applause." Secure reserved seat tickets at

